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classified under three heads: that showing the decline of "Minne-Poesie;" religious hymns; popular songs. To the first class belongs but a single poem, by Herr Reinhard von Westerburg, who appears among the attendants of the emperor Ludwig von Baiern. His reputation as a poet and as a ready wit is evident from a certain poem found in a MS. of the fifteenth century (cf. *Zeitschr. f. D. A.* 13, 366 ff.). The story related by Tileman, the author of the Chronicle, is entirely in accord with this evidence. Reinhard's poem preserved in the Chronicle is of special interest in that it represents the final dissolution of Minne-Poesie; it was doubtless this characteristic of the poem, most clearly detected in a direct ridicule of his lady and her love, that led to its preservation in the Chronicle.

The religious hymns here found belong to the songs of the Flagellants. The rise of the Flagellants was incident to a religious movement closely related to the event of the Black Death, and these poems represent their fanatic-religious first stage rather than their later socialistic tendencies.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, Professor CALVIN THOMAS (University of Michigan), who was to follow with a paper on

11. "The Methods of Wilhelm Scherer as a Critic of Faust,"

declined to read, but gave, in a few happy remarks, some of the principal points touched upon in his written communication, which is printed here in full.\*

The paper by Professor A. MARSHALL ELLIOTT (Johns Hopkins University).

12. "Speech Mixture in French Canada,"

was omitted for lack of time. The introductory chapter to this study: "Indian and French Speech Mixture in the Province of Quebec" is here given.†

A short discussion followed as to the place of holding the next Convention, and on a call from the Chair for a standing vote, it was found that a majority were in favor of Philadelphia. On motion of Professor Calvin Thomas (University of Michigan), a vote of thanks to the authorities of the Johns Hopkins University for the use of their Assembly Rooms and to all those who had promoted the comfort and pleasure of the members while in the city, especially to the President and graduate Students of the University and to Mr. D. L. Bartlett, was passed by the Convention, and the Society adjourned to meet in Philadelphia during the Christmas holidays of 1887.

In the afternoon, about one hundred persons joined in the Excursion to Washington, where they spent the night and visited, the following day, the Capital, the National Museum, Corchran's Art Gallery, and other objects of interest at the Capital.

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\*Cf. *TRANSACTIONS*, pp. 92-106 for paper in full.

†Cf. *TRANSACTIONS*, p. 158.